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- 23. Approximately in July 1904 I-1 had a second interview with "Nordice in the presence of "Jim" and "Enrique."
- 24. At the special request of the "friends," in September and October 1964 we sent forward reports on the officers of the Revolutionary Armed Porces in the six provinces, including any background data and information we had on them. Afterwards, the work of making Surmaries of Information was intensified.
- 25. During August-September-October 1964 picket lines were formed in front of the airline companies that had flights to hexico, and in front of airports, Mexican tourist agencies, and Mexican Consulates as a protest against the Mexican Government and its policy with relation to Cuba this was done in Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Miami, New York and other place in the United States. This was done daily in Miami and New York. On different occasions pickets were placed in front of theaters which were showing Mexican films. In October pickets were placed in Miami and Miami Beach and propaganda was hanced out at the time of the holding of the ASTA (Thirty-fourth World Congress of Travel Agencies).
- 26. In November 1954 we began to pass information to the "friends" about the training camps which were being opened in New Jersey to prepare and train people for the invasion of Maiti. We infiltrated some of our people into this group and thus kept informed of everything that went on.
- 27. At the end of 1954 and up to April 1955 we continued to make studies Among them were those on the Cuban Telephone Enterprise, the Department of Port and Coastal Visilance, censorship of correspondence, Cuban national budgets 1954/65, radio programs heard in Cuba.
- 28. At the request of the "friends" we collaborated in the reception activities for Juanita CASTRO and obtained the support of the exile organizations for rallies organized in Hismi and New York.
- 29. In December 1964 we organized a great propaganda campaign, mobilizing all the Easonic lodges so they would back the proposal of the Easons who were supporting LOPEZ Eateos at the UH.
- 30. We acted as a support mechanism to the "friends" in the matter concerning Mrs. LIPPERT.
- 31. In the first months of 1965 an attempt was made on three different occasions to carry out Rescue Operation No. 1.
- 32. During the first months of 1965 we kept informed about the situation in the Dominican Republic and the participation of the Cubans and Dominicans in the Miami area in what was going on.
- 33. During this whole period, in view of the division existing among the exiles and of the formation of so many new exile groups, we infiltrated our agents into all the organizations and reported on all the movements of leaders of these groups and their activities, on all their statements and action plans. Our aim and purpose was to report everything about the movements of the Cubans and the exile groups.
- 34. During this period we also began carding all our reports for the

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to: Mrs. Sue Panzer

DATE: 18 August 1964

ROM : Chief, DO Division

SUBJECT Meeting with Rolando Masserrer MAR 27 1972

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- 1. In accordance with our conversation, I am sending you the facts as I know them regarding the 7 August meeting in New York City between Rolando Masferrer and Averell Clark.
- 2. Apparently Masferrer knows Stanley Ross, the Editor of El Tiempo, a Spanish-language newspaper published in New York. The office is at 78 Fifth Avenue and the telephone number is WA 4-2750. Possibly Masferrer did not previously know Ross. But at any rate, either on his own or through someone else, he got in touch with him in late July or early August and said that he wanted to be put in touch with an American with an aviation and military background. I do not know too much about Ross at the moment except that he has had considerable Latin American experience and would be a logical person for any Latino to approach. It would be very easy to obtain additional evidence on him if desired.
- 3. I am attaching for your information a list of the stockholders in El Tiempo, Inc. to provide some indication of who is behind Ross. In addition, we have a list of all the senior officers of El Tiempo.
- 4. Ross knew of Clark through the Hitchcocks listed, as you will note, as stockholders. Mrs. Margaret Hitchcock is Clark's aunt, while Thomas Hitchcock III is his first cousin as presumably, is William Hitchcock. During the war Clark was an outstanding fighter pilot, having flown with the RAF through the roughest days of the Battle of Britain, and thereafter shifted to the Americans with whom he flew many missions as a P-47 pilot. He is still in the Air Force Reserve.
- 5. At Ross's request Clark met Masferrer at the El Tiempo office in New York City on 7 August. Ross left the room so that the session was only between Clark and Masferrer. As a pro-Batista Cuban, Masferrer was known to us at the time of the Bay of Pigs. In fact, at one point just before the invasion, the U.S. Department of Justice arrested him and put him in jail in Florida for violation of the provisions of the Neutrality Act.

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- 6. Masserrer alleged to Clark that he was representing some twenty Cuban exile organizations, and that he was working with a Haitian, Charles Forben, head of an anti-Duvalier organization known as "Capois La Mort." Forben allegedly asked Masserrer to help his organization by leasing or buying a PBY-5 aircraft for use against Duvalier. Masserrer claimed that Forben's group was in a position to take control of the Ile de la Gonave an island just off the west coast of Haiti in the gulf north of Port au Prince. It is conceivable that this is the wrong island since Clark did not have the name of the island in question, but based on the description of its location by Masserrer, I am assuming this to be the island involved. At any rate, in return for help from Masserrer, Forben was to be asked to let Masserrer and some of his Guban exiles use the island in question as a base from which to harrass the eastern end of the Island of Cuba.
- 7. Clark told Masserrer that as a member of the Air Force Reserve, he would have to report the conversation to the USG and could not do anything without clearing with the USG. Masserrer said that he had no objection to this, particularly with regard to the activities of Forben and his group, but he asked that Clark not mention his intention to harrass Cuba, since he maintained that the USG would forbid this as being against USG policy. Clark said that Masserrer would have to leave to him what matters he chose to discuss with the USG. It was then agreed that Clark could reach Masserrer through Ross's office for about a week, and thereafter could pass a message to him through Ross.
- 8. Clark got in touch with me because I had known him during the war; I had known his family for many years, and one of his closest friends, James B. Watriss, is a cousin of mine and was, until about 2 year ago, associated with the Agency. Incidentally, I believe that Clark has had some discussions with SOD with the idea of possibly being used in connection with special operations.

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- On 20 August 1965 an associate of Rolando Avendio Masferrer Rojas, former Cuban senator, said that Masferrer is in touch With Coneral Leon Cantave regarding a plot to invade Eaiti from the Dominican Republic. Hasferrer is trying to recruit unmarried Cubans in New York who are willing to go to the Dominican Republic and eventually to live in Haiti. He does not want Cubans who would want to return to the United States because of family or for any other reason.
- Masferrer asked Antonio Rojas Masferrer, his cousin, to manage a farm in the Dominicas Republic which will be used as a training and staging area for about 190 men which Masferrer Will recruit. This group will be enlarged by men which Cantave has in the Dominican Republic.
- Castave is negotiating with Dominicans to determine whether the recruits from New York will travel to the Dominican Republic with vices or whether they will enter the country illegally.

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Source for paras. 4 and 5: A member of a group of Cuban emigres trained in the techniques of information collection. The group has provided useful reports since 1961. This information is from another Cuban emigre who is associated with Homero Leon Fernandez.

- 4. On 9 August Homero Leon Fernandez said that Masferrer will arrive in Miami in August to complete preparations for an invasion of Haiti. He will bring 100 men from New York. In Miami they will be joined by 100 men from Brigade 2506 and 100 men from Leon's group. The 300 men will leave for an undetermined place from where they will invade Haiti.
- 5. According to Leon, Masferrer plans to use four boats and five aircraft for the invasion of Haiti. The aircraft will be used to bomb Santiago de Cuba, Oriente Province, Cuba, after Francois Duvalier has been overthrown.

Field Comment. Leon, a Cuban emigre, is a leader of the Fuerzas Armadas Constitucionales de Cuba en el Exilio (FACCE, Constitutional Armed Forces of Cuba in Exile).

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- 1. As of about 16 April 1965, Rolando Masferrer Rojas, a Cuban exile leader, had been sending weapons to Maxi, Florida, for use by Haitian exiles in an attempt to overthrow Haitian dictator Francois Duvalier. The arms were being stored in the home of Aurea Esther Poggio Aragon, a Cuban woman whose last known address was 1481 E. 8th Court, Hialeah, Florida. The weapons were to be transported to an undisclosed destination outside the United States.
- 2. In early April 1965, Poggio west to the Deminion Republic on behalf of Masferrer regarding the Maitian exile scene. When Poggio was sent of Mismi, the keys to her recidence were left with Antonio Rojas Masferrer.
 - 1. Field Comment: The same source reported in CSDB-3/661,878, dated 18 June 1964, that Masferrer had met with Poggio, among others, on 29 May 1964 regarding an expected revolt in Cuba.

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- 1. ON 15 OCTOBER 1964 DAVID QUINTAS SAID THAT OVIDO MIRO, A CUEAR, AND ROMAN (SIC) PANTREZ, A MAITIAN, RECENTLY ARRIVED IN MIAMI FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECRUITING APPROXIMATELY 200 CURANS TO AUGMENT A PORCE OF 150 TO 200 TRAINED MEN OF THE MAITIAN EXILE GROUP, "COMPAT." (FINID COMPAT: IT WAS REPORTED IN TOCSOB-315/00917-64 THAT PAUL TOUSSMINT, A MAITIAN, AND THREE CURAMS WERE IN MIAMI TO RECRUIT CUBAN EXILES, WHO MICCID HE USED TO INVADE MAITIA.)
- 2. MIRO AND RAPIREZ ASKED DAVID QUINTAS TO LOCATE A HOUSE IN THE MIANU AREA IN WHICH THE TRAINED MEN COULD BE QUARTERED.
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UNITED STATES, MIAMI (22 SEPTEMBER 1964)

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CUBAN EXILE (C) WHO HAS CONTACTS IN THE CUBAN EXILE COMMUNITY IN MIAMI AND NEW YORK. APPRAISAL: 2 (THAT THESE RECRUITING OPERATIONS ARE GOING ON AND THE STATEMENTS WERE MADE AS REPORTED).

1. ON 20 SEPT 64. PAUL TOUSSAINT, ACCOMPANIED BY RICARDO ZARAGOZI. JOSE A. MARTINEZ, AND ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED CUBAN, ARRIVED IN MIAMI FROM NEW YORK. MARTINEZ, ZARAGOZI, AND THE UNIDENTIFIED CUBAN CAME TO MIAMI TO CONTACT CUBAN FRIEIOS OF THEIRS FOR A PROPOSED FORCE OF 1865 CUBAN EXILES WHO WOULD BE USED TO INVADE HAIT! "WITHIN A TEN-DAY PERIOD". ALLEGEDLY THE INVASION WOULD SEE SUPPORTED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. ON THE EVENING OF 20 SEPT. .TOUSSAINT RETURNED TO NEW YORK BY AIR IN ANSWER TO WHAT HE SAID WAS "AN URGENT REQUEST FROM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES". TOUSSAINT HAD PLACED SEVERAL CALLS TO NEW YORK AFTER HE ARRIVED

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IN MIAMI.

- 2. WHILE IN MIAMI THE CUBANS CONTACTED FRIENDS OF THEIRS IN
 AN ATTEMPT TO GAIN RECRUITS FOR THE HAITI OPERATION. AMONG THOSE
 WHO WERE CONTACTED WERE OTTO SIRGO PRIETO, MEMBER OF THE ANTONIO
 MACEO BRIGADE, FRANK DIAZ, AND EUGENIO PEREZ COMLE. SIRGO SAID
 THAT HE COULD PROVIDE 25 MEN FOR ANYTHING RELATING TO CUBA. DIAZ
 SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT COMMIT HIMSELF. OR 15 MEN WHOM HE COULD PROBABLY
 RECRUIT, UNTIL HE COULD OBTAIN CLARIFICATION OF THE ENTIRE AFFAIR.
 PEREZ, WHO HAD RENTED THE HUMBOLDT 7 APARTMENT IN CUBA FOR YOUNG
 STUDENT LEADERS WHO WERE LATER KILLED BY THE BATISTA FORCES,
 SAID HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE OPERATION, AND HE PLEDGED
 SIX MEN FOR THE INVASION FORCE.
- 3. ON 22 SEPT, TOUSSAINT INFORMED ONE OF HIS MIAM!

 REPRESENTATIVES THAT THERE WAS NO MONEY TO GIVE THE RECRUITED MEN.

 HOWEVER, TOUSSAINT SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WANTED

 266 MEN INSTEAD OF THE ORIGINALLY PLANNED FORCE OF 166 MEN AND

 THAT EXPENSE MONEY FOR THE TRIP FROM MIAM! TO NEW YORK

 COULD PROBABLY HE PROVIDED FOR THE RECRUITS, BUT NO FURTHER

 FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS COULD BE ASSUMED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.
- AND INSTRUCTED HIM TO GET TO NEW YORK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE "TIME IS DRAWING MEAR." EE SAID THERE WAS A TRAINING BASE FOR THE HAIT!
 INVASION FORCE AT AN UNIDENTIFIED LOCATION IN NEW JERSEY, WHICH
 WAS HEADED BY CAPTAIN MIR, FORMER OFFICER FOR FIDEL CASTRO RUZ.

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THE GROUP HAD THREE AIRPLANES READY FOR USE IN THE INVASION,
AND LARGE QUANTITIES OF ARMS, SUME OF WHICH WERE STORED IN THE
OFFICE OF ROLANDO MASFERRER ROJAS, IN NEW YORK CITY. ARMS WERE
ALSO CACHED AT AN UNIDENTIFIED LOCATION IN MIAMI. TOUSSAINT SAID
THAT CUBANS COULD USE HAITI AS A BASE OF OPERATIONS AGAINST CUBA
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Former high-level Latin American Government official (C) who has travelled frequently throughout the Caribbean and Central America where he maintains close friendships with a wide-range of military and political leaders. Source is a rightist, a trained reporter, and his information has been fairly reliable in the past. This information was obtained from Rolando Arcadio Masferrer Rojas.

- 1. Relande Arcadio Masferrer Rojas, prominent Cuban exile and financial backer of several Caribbean paramilitary operations directed against Fidel Castro Ruz, revealed on 11 July 1964 that he is maintaining close contact with Dominican Consul Carlos Peguero Guerrero, the brother of General Belisario Peguero Guerrero, Dominican Police Chief. Mesferrer said that he is collaborating with Consul Peguero by giving his full support to the Partido Liberal Evolucionista (PLE, Liberal Evolutionist Party) and that he is ready to go to the Dominican Republic should Luis Amiama Tio, a leader of the PLE, call for him. When discussing the method by which Masferrer was participating with the PLE, Masferrer suggested that he was prepared to offer his Cuban assets to the Dominican supporters of Amiama should the latter decide to carry out action against the telumvirate government.
- S. Concerning the future of Joaquin Balaguer as a Dominican presidential candidate, Masferrer said that Balaguer was "mistaken" is his belief that he would soon be able to return to the Dominican Republic. The Dominican authorities will not permit the return of Balaguer because Diego Rordas Hernandez, former leader of the Partido Revolucionario Dominicano (PRD, Dominican Revolutionary Party), was successfully financing a "stop Balaguer" movement.

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According to Masferrer, Bordas recently paid Stanley Ross, editor of the Most fork publication "El Tiempo", \$5,000 to assist Bordas in stopping Balaguer from obtaining favorable publicity in the Ross publications.

- S. Concerning the next candidate supported by the PLE, Masferrer said that the PLE political machine had planned to promote General Antonio Imbert Barrera instead of Amiana although Amiana had previously been pushed for the presidential candidacy with the support of the PLE.
- 4. Concerning Cuba, Masferrer said that he has 250 highly trained men available for paramilitary action against the Castro regime. He is personally carrying out daily practice sessions in a light twin-engine aircraft in preparation for future flights to be made by Masferrer in distributing propaganda and attacking strategic points in Cuba. He has no immediate plans, however, for an invasion nor did he reveal the locations of arms and money which he claims to have at his disposal. He said, however, that he has much faith in the United States Government and its appraisal of the Cuban problem and expected a "green light" to be forthcoming from the United States Government soon.
- 5. Hasferrer said that unfortunately several prominent politicians and government officials have been recommending that he not be permitted to return to the State of Florida in spite of an earlier petition signed by many Cuban exiles requesting an amendment to an earlier court ruling prohibiting K sferrer from returning to Florida.
- 6. When asked about the participation of other Cuban exile leaders with Misferrer's group, Masferrer did not comment other than to say that Carlos Marquez Sterling was a "lyric poet" but that his association with Masferrer had not been productive.
 - 1. Field Comment: Refer to CSDB-3/661,878, dated 19 June 1964, regarding the efforts of Magferrer's brother to obtain the signatures of Cuban exile leaders, which he intended to submit to the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Miami with a request for Masferrer's legal return to Miami.

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10 29 May 1934 Rolando Arcadio Hasferrer Rojas, a Cuban exile No Pleader, met with Miguel Taberno Blas, former member of the Caben House of Representatives; Cecilio Ignacio Hapoles Hidalgo, lerner army major during the administration of Fulgencio Batista; we for Duque, former army lieutenant under Batista; and Aurea Estad: Peggio Aragon, a Cuban woman. Masferrer seid that within the next 60 days there would be a revolt within the ranks of Castro's forces and that anti-Castro groups would become active both in Cuba and outside.

- Masferrer said that Manuel Ray Rivero, leader of the Junta Revolucionaria Cubana (JURE, Cuban Revolutionary Junta), would play an important role in the events that wore to transpire in the next two months. Although he did not elaborate on just how the revolt would come about, Masferrer did say that the uprising would be possible because those persons participating in the revelt would have access to weapons and amminition already cached in Cube.
- ru 20' On 4 June 1964 Enrique "Kiki" Masferrer Rojas, Rolando's brother, had obtained the signatures of several Cuban exile leaders, which he intended to submit to the Immigration and Haturalization Service at Miami requesting authorization for Masferrer to return to Miami, 1 It was expected that the document would be submitted sometime in carly June 1964.

The information in Para, 4 was obtained from a former high-level Latin American Government official who has travelled frequently throughout the Caribbean and Central America where he maintains close friendships with a wide range of military and political leaders. Source is a rightist, a trained reporter, and his information has been reliable in the past.

4. Masferrer arrived in Miami on 27 May with an undetermined quantity of arms and ammunition which he plans to use against Castro.

The information in Para. 5 was obtained from a local law enforcement officer who is well acquainted with maritime matters in Florida. Source has submitted a large number of reports based on the debriefing of Cuban refugees and has been a consistently reliable reporter on the plans and activities of anti-Castro groups engaging in boat operations. This information was obtained from an unidentified informant described as reliable.

- 5. As of 22 May, Masserrer was alleged to have equipment in Miami to arm about 200 men. The plan called for moving this equipment from the United States mainland to an unidentified key where it would be buried. When the fighting began in Cuba, about 200 men were to proceed to the key, arm themselves with the cached materiel and proceed to Cuba. In this way they could also claim to be the liberators of Cuba.
 - 1. Field Comment: Masferrer has been prohibited from returning to the State of Florida following an order issued by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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